



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

TO: Connecticut Chiefs of Police
Connecticut Police Training Officers
Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers
Connecticut State Police Training Academy

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SUBJECT: **Connecticut Peer Support Training for Law Enforcement**

TUITION: **No Cost**

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, is offering a five-day (5) training seminar titled **"Connecticut Peer Support Training for Law Enforcement."** The training session is scheduled for **August 08, 2022 to August 12, 2022**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT 06082.

This comprehensive program is for law enforcement officers on how to develop a peer support program. Police department commanders looking to develop a peer support program within their department should send officers who are able to effectively work with all ranks. Selected officers should have demonstrated the ability to work with little supervision, collaborate with other officers, maintain strict confidentiality when appropriate, and have a desire to further peer support within their respective department.

The first three days are taught by local clinicians, law enforcement experts, and clergy members. The last two days are taught by a faculty member from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Class participants will be able to network with other officers and meet representatives from treatment facilities in the Northeast.

This forty-hour course will teach officers:

- How to develop, implement, grow, and support an effective Peer Support Program.
- Introduce officers to mental health issues and how they affect those in the law enforcement community.
- How to include chaplains and military support into an effective and robust program.
- How to develop a critical incident stress management team and work with officers after a critical incident.

The class is limited to seventy-five (75) attendees. Please complete a registration form from the web and email it to Brian Enns at Brian.Enns@ct.gov **no later than July 08, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Division at 203-427-2626.

Students successfully completing the course will receive Review Training Credit in the following area(s):

- Area 400 Human Relations (30 hours)

Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. Professional, business attire required.

Training Officers: Please be sure to include your department email address and the email of the student to be enrolled on all applications to assure prompt communications of all in-service training matters.

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Training on the Web: www.ct.gov/POST

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